## IN THE CLAIMS

- 1. 3 (Cancelled).
- 4. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented system for assessing risk for financing a select technology enterprise, said system comprising:
  - a. a computer readable medium having computer readable code embodied thereon, and configured to control a computer processing unit that is arranged to receive data related to risk categories for financing the select technology enterprise, the technology enterprise selected from the group consisting of biotechnology, internet, information technology, health care, chemical processing, communications, software, nanotechnology, bioinformation and medical devices, and the risk categories including tangible assets, intellectual property, personnel, financial liquidity, current liability or potential liability; and
  - b. an executable computer readable medium having computer readable

    program instruction and software stored on the processing unit and
    executable on demand, said computer readable medium and software
    being operative with the processing unit to:

gather data related to the risk categories and receive information relating to details of the financing,

structure the information received based on historical data and performance data according to risk categories,

generating scores for individual risk categories, and

- calculating a current cumulative risk score referencing the structured information and the gathered data.
- 5. (Original) The system according to claim 4, further including the steps of:
  determining when the individual and cumulative scores indicate an acceptable level of
  financial risk,
  causing the financing request to be accepted when the risk score indicates an acceptable
  risk of financing, and
  causing the financing request to be rejected when the risk score indicates an unacceptable
  level of financing risk.
- 6. (Original) The system according to claim 5, further including: taking corrective measures for risk scores that are of unacceptable level of financing risk, and causing the financing request to be accepted when the score indicates an acceptable level of financing risk.
  - 7. (Currently Amended) A computer program product for assessing risk for financing a select technology enterprise, said product comprising:
- a. a computer readable medium having a computer code arranged to receive data related to risk categories for financing the select technology enterprise, the technology enterprise selected from the group consisting of biotechnology, internet, information technology, health care, chemical processing, communications, software, nanotechnology, bioinformation and medical devices, and the risk categories including tangible assets, intellectual property, personnel, financial liquidity, current liability or potential liability;

- b. a computer readable medium having a computer code arranged to gather data related to the risk categories and receive information relating to details of the financing;
- c. <u>a computer readable medium having a computer code arranged to structure the information received based on historical data and performance data according to risk categories; and</u>
- d. <u>a computer readable medium having a computer code arranged to generate scores</u>
  for individual risk categories, and
  calculating a current cumulative risk score referencing the structured information and the gathered data.
- 8. (Currently amended) The computer product according to claim 7 wherein the computer code on the computer readable medium is arranged to determine when the individual and cumulative scores indicate an acceptable level of financial risk, cause the financing request to be accepted when the risk score indicates an acceptable risk of financing, and cause the financing request to be rejected when the risk score indicates an unacceptable level of financing risk.
- 9 (Currently amended) The computer product according to claim 7 wherein the computer code on the computer readable medium is arranged to:

  take corrective measures for risk scores that are of unacceptable level of financing risk,
  and

cause the financing request to be accepted when the score indicates an acceptable level of financing risk.

10. (Currently amended) A computer implemented method for assessing risk for financing a select technology enterprise, said method comprising:

a computer readable medium having instructions for gathering data related to the risk categories and receive information relating to details of the financing, structuring the information received based on historical data and performance data according to risk categories,

generating scores for individual risk categories, and calculating a current cumulative risk score referencing the structured information and the

gathered data.

11. (Original) The computer implemented method for assessing risk for financing a select technology enterprise according to claim 10, said method additionally comprising:

determining when the individual and cumulative scores indicate an acceptable level of financial risk,

causing the financing request to be accepted when the risk score indicates an acceptable risk of financing, and

causing the financing request to be rejected when the risk score indicates an unacceptable level of financing risk.

12. (Original) The computer implemented method for assessing risk for financing a select technology enterprise according to claim 11, said method additionally comprising:

taking corrective measures for risk scores that are of unacceptable level of financing risk, and

causing the financing request to be accepted when the score indicates an acceptable level of financing risk.